

# KIDS – OLD AND YOUNG

This message for the parents of kids and to everyone else out there, because, as Christians, we are God's children. To understand how to handle our children, we have to understand how God handles us. When we look at our kids or even other people there are some things we should consider:

- 1) Accept them for their uniqueness. God has made each of us uniquely special. We each have different looks, characteristics, skills, etc. We should embrace that uniqueness and quit comparing ourselves to others or trying to conform to the world's view.
- 2) Affirm their value. Let them know how special they are, not just to you but to God as well.
- 3) Let them know that they have your ear. Spend one on one time, just listening.
- 4) Make sure they know how much you love and appreciate them.
- 5) Trust them with increasing responsibility. As our faith grows, God entrusts us with things. (Luke 16:10). Make sure to provide some leeway. We all fall short at times.
- 6) Correct without condemning.
- 7) Choose your words carefully. Think about what would work for you. Be constructive, not degrading.
- 8) Love them with boldness and grace!

Ephesian 2:10

1 Corinthians 12:6

2 Corinthians 10:12

Romans 12:2

1 Corinthians 6:19

Isaiah 43:4